

Application Serial No. 10/647,895

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) A water craft adapted to be propelled comprising a water pumping arrangement including a sheath carried by the water craft, the sheath including a propeller adapted to be turned, the sheath, water craft and propeller being arranged for causing the propeller while turning and while the water craft is moving forward in a body of water to (a) suck water from the body of water into the sheath interior via at least one opening in the sheath, (b) force the sucked water upwardly and (c) force the upwardly forced water through another opening in the sheath below the surface of the body of the water for causing the water forced through the another opening to (i) have speed greater than the speed of the water sucked into the sheath and (ii) cause air bubbles to be induced in the water above the another opening.

16. (Previously presented) The water craft of claim 15 wherein the sheath and propeller are arranged so the propeller is adapted to turn about an axis tilted at an angle in the range of 60° to 90° relative to the surface of the body of water while the water craft is moving forward in the body of water.

17. (Previously presented) The water craft of claim 15 wherein the water pumping arrangement includes a plurality of the sheaths each including a propeller adapted to be turned, the sheaths, water craft and propellers being arranged for causing the propellers while turning and while the water craft is moving forward in the body of water to (a) suck water from the body into the sheath interior via at least one opening in the sheath, (b) force the sucked water upwardly and (c)